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SUBJECT: Withholding of Information that Personally Identifies DoD Personnel

This guidance was previously issued on February 3, 2005, but its importance mandates that it be published again to reinforce significant security considerations.

Organizations outside the Federal Government often approach DoD personnel to obtain updated contact information for their publications, which are then made available to the general public. The information sought usually includes names, job titles, organizations, phone numbers, and sometimes room numbers.

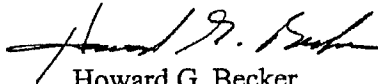
The Director, Administration and Management, issued a policy memorandum on November 9, 2001 (attached) that provided greater protection of DoD personnel in the aftermath of 9/11 by requiring information that personally identifies DoD personnel be more carefully scrutinized and limited. Under this policy, personally identifying information may be inappropriate for inclusion in any medium available to the general public. A December 28, 2001, memorandum from the Assistant Secretary of Defense for Command, Control, Communications and Intelligence (attached) issued a policy limiting publication of personally identifying information on web sites.

The following policy augments the above cited memoranda and is in effect with regard to publication of information that personally identifies DoD personnel in publications accessible by the general public. In general, release of information on DoD personnel will be limited to the names, official titles, organizations, and telephone numbers for personnel only at the office director level or above, provided a determination is made that disclosure does not raise security or privacy concerns. No other information, including room numbers, will

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normally be released about these officials. Consistent with current policy, as delineated in the referenced memoranda issued in 2001, information on officials below the office director level may continue to be released if their positions or duties require frequent interaction with the public.

Questions regarding this policy should be directed to Mr. Will Kammer, Office of Freedom of Information, at 703-696-4495.

A handwritten signature in dark ink, appearing to read "Howard G. Becker". The signature is fluid and cursive, with a large initial "H" and a stylized "B".

Howard G. Becker
Deputy Director

Attachments:
As Stated

cc: Secretary of Defense
Deputy Secretary of Defense